

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1016

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend John Frank Creasy  
upon being named the 2006 Westmoreland  
Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John Frank Creasy is one such admirable person, and was recently selected as the 2006 Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, John Creasy was born in Nashville on June 5, 1963, to John S. Creasy, Jr., and Shirley Creasy; he has been a lifelong member of the Westmoreland community, and still resides on his family's 100-acre farm; and

WHEREAS, his passion for civic involvement sprang from his close relationship to his grandfather, Silas Creasy, who was also active in civic affairs; and

WHEREAS, evincing the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors, John Creasy is highly respected in his community for his exceptional work as an educator. He has served for the past 18 years at Westmoreland Middle School (WMS) as a History and World Geography teacher; he also serves as the grade group leader and department chair at WMS; and

WHEREAS, John Frank Creasy has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; he has contributed his time and talents to many community boards, including participating as the current President of the Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Sumner County Tourism Board, the Westmoreland Parks Committee, Little Tunnel Restoration Committee, and Pleasant Grove

Cemetery Committee; and a past President of the Sumner County Historical Society and the Westmoreland Public Library Board; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as President, John Creasy has made great strides in orchestrating improvements within the Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce, instituting revitalization projects at the downtown gazebo area, the walking track and pavilion, and the Little Tunnel; and

WHEREAS, a talented and insightful writer, Mr. Creasy co-authored the book *A Celebration of Homes* with Walter Durham and the late Dr. James Thomas in 1995; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, John Creasy worked as an extra on the television special *80 Acres of Hell*, a program about Camp Douglas in the Civil War which aired on the History Channel; and

WHEREAS, he is an active and devout member of the Westmoreland Church of Christ, which he has served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Creasy is most appreciative of the love and support of his wife, the former Tyla Heath, and his children, Katelyn Ren and John-Heath Creasy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Creasy's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense, as well as his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, John Creasy is an extremely giving person who reaches out with compassion to all people, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, John Frank Creasy is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that that we commend Mr. John Frank Creasy for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Westmoreland, congratulate him upon being named as

Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year for 2006, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.